

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF **CONGRESSIONAL AND** INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr. Ranking Member, Committee on **Energy and Commerce** U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

## Dear Ranking Member Pallone:

Thank you for your letters to the Agency of May 5, 2017, to the Acting Assistant Administrators and Acting Regional Administrators of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, requesting a briefing on the agency's Fiscal Year 2018 President's Budget.

The EPA is working towards developing the President's budget based on the framework provided by his blueprint. However, at this time the EPA is unable to comment further on the FY 2018 President's Budget proposal until it is submitted to Congress and publically released. The EPA will provide briefings to our Congressional Appropriations and Authorizing Committees on the FY 2018 President's Budget proposal following the submission to Congress on May 22, 2017.

For your reference attached is a copy of our response to your letter dated April 20, 2017 requesting Administrator Scott Pruitt to lead a similar briefing.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact James Blizzard, in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at blizzard.james@epa.gov, or (202) 564-1695.

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Sincerely,

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Acting Chief Financial Officer

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